

Baptists To Keep Up Work In China If Not Hindered

Baptist missionaries will remain in China as long as they are allowed reasonable opportunity to perform their duties, the American Baptist convention announced.

Announcement was made as reports were being received from the Far East that the Communist government of China had declared a reformation of Christianity in China was under way.

Foreign Secretary Dana M. Albright stated that if Baptist missionaries were required to leave China, work could be continued

by competent Chinese trained for such an emergency. National Baptist conventions have been established in China to work with the missionaries in training Christian leaders among the Chinese people, he said, and for many years Baptists have stressed the importance of this national leadership and the self-support of its missionaries. He emphasized that Baptist missionaries would remain, however, as long as it was possible to carry on a distinctly Christian work among the people.

It was also earned that the Christians of China have adopted a pin to be worn to distinguish them as Christians. The popularity with which this pin has spread across China is considered an indication of the determination of the Chinese people to maintain their freedom of religion. The pin shows a red cross on a blue and gold background and symbolizes the universal fellowship of all Christians.

The National Geographic Society says Hans Myer, in 1889, was the first man to scale 19,565-foot Kibo peak in Africa.



PRIZE WINNERS—This photograph of two baby cockatoos, entitled "Now Lissen", was a prize winner in the international zoo photo contest sponsored by the Chicago's Brookfield Zoo and the Chicago Nature Camera Club. It was made by Gene Lytle, of San Diego, Calif.

Crime Increase Faster In Rural Districts

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Crime is increasing faster in rural areas than in cities, an FBI report shows.

A semi-annual report by the bureau showed an increase of 7.4 percent in rural crime over the same period in 1949. In contrast, city crime was up only 1.5 percent.

All types of offenses except negligent manslaughter and auto theft increased in rural areas, while in cities, such crimes as murder, rape and robbery declined.

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Atom Bomb's Use On Russia Urged By Legion Group

Los Angeles — (AP) — The 32nd annual national convention of the American Legion was asked by its executive committee today to recommend use of the atom bomb against Russia in the event of further aggression anywhere.

"This is the crucial moment in our lives," the committee said in asking for aid "to any and all forms of freedom that will join with us and the United Nations in the destruction of evil forces."

Calling for an "ever active armed force," the executive committee recommended the "sponsoring by the American delegate to the United Nations a resolution that further aggression in any part of the world by Soviet Russia will meet the full force of retaliation by the United Nations police authority, including, if necessary, the release of atomic weapons on Soviet Russia."

Texas Schools Dismissed So Kids Can Pick Cotton

WINTERS, Tex. — (AP) — School is out here, and the kids are going to the cotton patch.

Classes were dismissed to get around a new federal rule which says farmers can't hire children under 16 to gather crops. The action was taken at an emergency meeting of this west central Texas town's school board. Until last January, the child labor law didn't apply to farm workers.

Farmers can now be made to pay heavy fines if they hire children "while school is in session." But some west Texas planters have said that if they can't hire children, as usual, their crops may rot in the fields.

Superintendent I. L. Lancaster said he'll notify the pupils when to pick up their books again.

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The committee also called for the occupation of all Korea by the UN under the command of General MacArthur, non-recognition by the United States of Red China; continued defense of Formosa; aid to the Philippine government against Communist aggressors; support of "Chinese who will vigorously and effectively fight outside aggressors in order to obtain again and preserve a free and independent China," and a treaty of peace with Japan by appropriate world powers under guidance and direction of Gen. MacArthur.

Acheson's Ouster Asked

The executive committee said also that the American people "no longer have confidence in our State department or in the present secretary, Mr. Dean Acheson, and we believe it is the duty of the President to appoint immediately a secretary of state who will instill confidence."

Erle Cooke Jr., of Georgia, candidate for the post of national commander, presented in behalf of the National Security commission a demand for enactment of universal military training, the construction of an air academy and the maintenance and enlargement of the U. S. merchant marine. The commission lauded efforts of Louis Johnson, former secretary of defense, for "his courageous and fruitful accomplishments."

Chairman Vincent A. Carroll, Philadelphia, of the Legion's standing committee on conventions, said all bids except that of Miami, Fla., for the 1951 convention have been withdrawn.

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